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2. A VENEZUELAN-EDITED PUBLICATION CALLED "OPULENCE AND MISERY" WAS BANNED AND THE TWO CATHOLIC AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS DISTRIBUTION IN ARGENTINA CLOSED DOWN BY A GOA DECREE ISSUED OCTOBER 11. THE DECREE CITED THE MATERIAL FOR INCITING SOCIAL DISINTEGRATION. THE TWO AGENCIES--CLARETIANA DISTRIBUTORS AND PAULINAS EDITIONS--ARE CONNECTED TO RELIGIOUS ORDERS BASED IN ITALY, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. PAULINAS EDITIONS WAS ALSO RESPONSIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTING THE LATIN AMERICAN BIBLE IN ARGENTINA. THE BIBLE WAS BRANDED AS "LEFTIST AND SUBVERSIVE" BY TWO ARGENTINE BISHOPS WHO PROHIBITED ITS CIRCULATION IN THEIR DIOCESES. GOA AND ARGENTINE CHURCH AUTHORITIES ARE CURRENTLY STUDYING THE BIBLE, WHICH SETS BIBLICAL SCENES IN

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MODERN-DAY CUBAN AND LATIN AMERICAN SETTINGS, FOR IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT.

3. FOURTEEN PARAGUAYAN AND CHILEAN REFUGEES FLEW TO SWITZERLAND OCTOBER 7.

4. MORE THAN TWO-THIRDS OF THE UNHCR'S 4.3 MILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET FOR LATIN AMERICAN IN 1977 WILL GO TO ARGENTINA, UNHCR SOURCES REPORT. THE ALLOCATION FOR ARGENTINA IS 2.9 MILLION DOLLARS, WHICH COVERS REFUGEE ASSISTANCE AND MAINTENANCE, AS WELL AS TRAVEL AND RESETTLEMENT COSTS. ARGENTINA HAS 38,000 REFUGEES, INCLUDING 28,000 EUROPEANS, 8,000 CHILEANS AND 2,000 BOLIVIANS AND URUGUAYANS, ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL UNHCR DOCUMENTS. (THE 28,000 EUROPEANS ARE POST WORLD WAR REFUGEES WHO ARE STILL RECEIVING SOME UN ASSISTANCE. THEY ARE NOT INVOLVED IN CURRENT REFUGEE PROBLEMS, WHICH CONCERN POLITICAL REFUGEES FROM NEIGHBORING SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRIES.)

5. ORDERS DETAINING 48 PERSONS AT THE DISPOSAL OF THE EXECUTIVE WERE LIFTED OCTOBER 8, ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS. LA NACION PUBLISHED THE NAMES OF ANOTHER FOUR PERSONS DETAINED UNDER STATE OF SIEGE SINCE APRIL WHO WERE FREED ON OCTOBER 12. EMBASSY SOURCES CONFIRM THAT STATE OF SIEGE PRISONERS ARE BEING RELEASED IN A STEADY STREAM AS SECURITY OFFICIALS COMPLETE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS. OTHERS ARE TURNED OVER TO MILITARY TRIBUNALS FOR TRIAL AND SENTENCING. THREE LEFT-WING EXTREMISTS WERE SENTENCED ON OCTOBER 8 TO UP TO 18 YEARS' IMPRISONMENT FOR POSSESSION OF FIREARMS, EXPLOSIVES AND OTHER OFFENSES. THOSE WHO ARE SENTENCED TO PRISON TERMS ARE BEING REMOVED FROM BUENOS AIRES AND SENT TO PROVINCIAL PRISONS, SOURCES SAY.

6. SEVEN FEDERAL POLICE WERE DISMISSED FOR OFFENSES INCLUDING ROBBERY, UNLAWFUL USE OF FIREARMS, INJURIES TO OTHERS AND THE SHOOTING OF FOUR PERSONS IN A LOCAL TRAIN, ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT DECREE PUBLISHED OCTOBER 11. ALTHOUGH SUCH CASES ARE RARELY REPORTED IN THE PRESS, EMBASSY SOURCES REPORT THAT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF POLICE HAVE BEEN QUIETLY PUNISHED OR FIRED (OR IN SOME CASES EVEN ELIMINATED) IN RECENT WEEKS. ACCORDING TO THESE SOURCES, FEDERAL POLICE CHIEF OJEDA AND OTHER MILITARY OFFICER SUPERVISORS ARE SLOWLY BUT STEADILY

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WEEKING OUT UNDESIRABLE AND UNDISCIPLINED ELEMENTS FROM THE FEDERAL AND PROVINCIAL POLICE FORCES, INCLUDING SOME WHO HAVE BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIPLE-A TYPE ACTIVITIES, KIDNAPPINGS, ROBBERY AND PHYSICAL BRUTALITY. MANY OF THOSE GUILTY OF VIOLENCE AND PETTY CRIME WERE ELEMENTS BROUGHT INTO THE POLICE FORCE TOWARD THE END OF THE PERON ADMINISTRATION, SOURCES REPORT, WHO USED THE ANTI-TERRORIST EFFORT FOR PERSONAL AIN AND TO SETTLE PRIVATE SCORES.

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7. MODERATE ARGENTINES HAVE BEEN PARTICULARLY STUNG DURING RECENT USG SCRUTINY OF GOA SECURITY PRACTICES BY THE IMPLIED AND OVERT COMPARISON OF THEIR COUNTRY WITH CHILE. WHILE NOT NECESSARILY SYMPATHETIC TOWARD THE CHILEAN PEOPLE, MANY ARGENTINES REJECT BOTH PINOCHET'S IMAGE AS A STRONGMAN MILITARY DICTATOR AND THE REPRESSIVE TACTICS OF HIS GOVERNMENT. MODERATES ARE QUICK TO POINT OUT FUNDAMENTAL HISTORICAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THEY ALSO MAKE A DEFINITE DISTINCTION BETWEEN THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT LED TO THE CHILEAN COUP IN 1973 AND THOSE THAT FORCED A MILITARY TAKEOVER IN ARGENTINA IN 1976. MOREOVER, THEY CLAIM THERE ARE VAST DIFFERENCES IN ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS ON THE PART OF THE TWO MILITARY GOVERNMENTS.

8. IN A REPORT OCTOBER 6, LA OPINION TRACED WHAT IT CALLED BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE ARGENTINE AND CHILEAN POSITIONS CONTRASTING QUOTES FROM GOC'S "DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES" WITH PUBLIC STATEMENTS MADE BY RANKING ARGENTINE OFFICIALS ON A NUMBER OF TOPICS. SOME OF ITS MAJOR POINTS WERE:
ON DEMOCRACY-- ARGENTINA: THE FINAL OBJECTIVE OF THE CURRENT REORGANIZATION PROCESS IS THE REIMPLANTATION OF AN AUTHENTICALLY REPRESENTATIVE, REPUBLIC AND FEDERALIST DEMOCRACY IN ARGENTINA.

CHILE: AS LONG AS THE PRINCIPLES OF DEMOCRATIC-LIBERAL REGIMES EXIST, THE CONDITIONS FOR MARXISM EXIST: CHAOS, DIVISION, ANARCHY, PARTY CONFLICT, ETC.
ON POLITICAL PARTIES--ARGENTINA: THE ARMED FORCES HAVE REPEATEDLY ANTICIPATED THE EVENTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF AUTHENTIC MOVEMENTS OF NATIONAL OPINION.
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CHILE: SINCE THE FRENCH REVOLUTION, POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE BEEN THE INSTRUMENT OF CORRUPTION AND DESTRUCTION. CARRIED TO ITS EXTREME, BUT LOGICAL, END, THE SYSTEM LEADS TO CIVIL WAR.
ON HUMAN RIGHTS--ARGENTINA: RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS THE RESULT OF OUR PROFOUND CHRISTIAN BELIEF IN THE DIGNITY OF MAN. (NOTE: THIS MAY NOT BE LIVED UP TO, BUT AT LEAST IT IS A STATED PRINCIPLE IN ARGENTINA WHEREAS IN CHILE IT IS NOT.)
CHILE: RIGHTS ARE RELATIVE WITH REPECT TO SOCIAL NECESSITIES. RIGHTS, SUCH AS THAT OF LIFE, ARE NOT ABSOLUTE.
ON FOREIGN RELATIONS--ARGENTINA: ARGENTINA SEEKS SOLID CONTACTS WITH ALL COUNTRIES AND GREATER PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, WHILE REJECTING ANY KIND OF HEGEMONY OR INTERVENTION IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF ANOTHER STATE.
CHILE: THE CAMPAIGN TO ISOLATE CHILE IS PARTLY TO HIDE THE HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATONS OF THE USSR. IF THE U. S. CHOOSES TO ALLY ITSELF WITH THE SOVIET UNION, CHILE HAS THE SAME RIGHT TO CONFRONT ITS ADVERSARIES.

9. SOME OF THE DIFFERENCES MAY BE MORE A MATTER OF WISHFUL THINKING ON THE PART OF ARGENTINE MODERATES WHO FERVENTLY HOPE THAT MODERATE FORCES IN GOA WILL PREVAIL OVER WHAT WELL COULD BE A PINOCHET-STYLE HARDLINE POSITION. ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE BEEN UNITED IN CONDEMNING THE FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE'S INVITATION OF LEFTISTS ARGENTINE FUGITIVES TO TESTIFY ON GOA'S SECURITY PRACTICES, MODERATES ARE NEVERTHELESS CONCERNED THAT GOA AVOID CHILEAN-STYLE DEFENSIVENESS AND CONFRONTATION WITH THE U. S. ARGENTINA, WRITES LA OPINION COLUMNIST MARIO DIAMENT, DOES NOT HAVE TO CHOOSE BETWEEN ISOLATIONISM AND SUBMISSION (TO OUTSIDE PRESSURES). GOA CAN TAKE A LEAD FROM ISRAEL, SUGGESTS DIAMENT. "DESPITE PRESSURE FROM ITS ALLIES, THE ISRAELI GOVERNMENT CONDUCTS ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM AS IT SEES NECESSARY. BUT, AT THE SAME TIME AND WITH THE SAME EFFICIENCY, IT MAINTAINS AN ONGOING CAMPAIGN IN INTERNATIONAL FORA, CLARIFYING ITS MOTIVES, RESPONDING TO CRITICISM AND APPEALING TO WORLD SYMPATHY." HILL

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